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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: ATHERTON TRAVEL TO MOROCCO AND ALGIERS

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1. REFTEL RECEIVED SUNDAY AFTERNOON (WE ARE HAVING SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND RECEIPT WAS DELAYED). I HOPE SEE HAMDANI THIS AFTERNOON TO GIVE HIM GIST AND SET UP APPOINTMENT. AM SURE YOU WILL BE WELCOME, BUT DOUBT WE WILL BE ABLE ARRANGE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT ON SUNDAY, WHICH IS LOCAL DAY OF REST. WILL TRY FOR SATURDAY AFTERNOON, HOWEVER.

2. REGRET WE CANNOT PUT YOU UP IN RESIDENCE. AT THIS POINT THE ONE HABITABLE BEDROOM IS OCCUPIED BY PARKERS. WILL MAKE RESERVATIONS AURASSI.

3. RE ONWARD TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS, THERE ARE SEVERAL POSSIBILITIES:

(A) IF YOU SEE BOUMEDIENE ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON YOU CAN LEAVE SUNDAY MORNING FOR PARIS , REMAIN THERE OVERNIGHT AND TAKE TWA NEXT DAY.

(B) IF YOU SEE HIM EARLY ENOUGH ON MONDAY, YOU CAN TAKE EVENING FLIGHT TO PARIS, REMAIN OVERNIGHT AND GO ON TO WASHINGTON ON TUESDAY.

(C) IF YOU DO NOT SEE HIM EARLY ENOUGH ON MONDAY AND MUST WAIT UNTIL 2ND TO LEAVE, BOOK SHOWS PAKISTANI AIRLINES

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FLIGHT (703) OUT OF ORLY AT 1700 ON MARCH 2, ARRIVING JFK

AT 1900. UNFORTUNATELY THERE IS NO PLANE OUT OF ALGIERS EARLY ENOUGH TO PERMIT SAME DAY CONNECTION WITH TWA.

4. IN ANY EVENT, I HAD PLANNED LEAVE FOR PARIS WITH UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON AT 0830 MARCH 2 IN ORDER CONSULT WITH BOB ANDERSON. WHILE WOULD BE GLAD CHANGE PLANS AND STAY HERE ANOTHER DAY IF YOU WANT TO TAKE MADRID FLIGHT, SUGGEST IT MIGHT BE MORE USEFUL FOR YOU TO GO TO PARIS ON 2ND TO DISCUSS RESULTS YOUR RABAT AND ALGIERS VISITS WITH ANDERSON. PARKER

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